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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILKS, 151, Cannon Street, E. C.

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## Banks.

### NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$3,900,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
PRIETOR.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL IRVING.  
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORDES, Esq.

O. D. BOXTOMLEY, Hon. A. P. McDOWELL,  
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Hongkong,.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER,  
Shanghai,.....EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS, London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 6 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted to PARTNER-  
SHIP Mr. G. D. SCOTT. The Firm  
will henceforth be known as 'LIGHTWOOD  
& SCOTT', SHARS and GENERAL BROKERS.

HY. H. LIGHTWOOD.

1st March, 1888. 388

### NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has This Day been  
Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm  
CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 5

ANDREW JOHNSTON,  
Consulting Engineer,  
EAST BUILDINGS, Queen's Road.

PLANS and ESTIMATES prepared for  
LIGHT DRAUGHT STEAMERS, STEAM  
LACUNES, MARINE ENGINES and BOILERS,  
and all other kinds of MACHINERY.

A List of Steamers FOR SALE always  
on hand.

The Address as above.

Hongkong, January 4, 1888. 21

## Intimations.

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 250.

A Regular MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in PRESTON'S  
HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVEN-  
ING, the 2nd March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m.,  
precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially  
INVITED.

Hongkong, March 2, 1888. 316

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE  
are requested to furnish the undersigned  
with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS  
for the year ending 31st December, 1887, in  
Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONUS  
may be arranged. Returns not rendered  
prior to the 1st day of MARCH instant,  
will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and no  
Claims or Alterations will be subsequently  
admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1888. 339

LEE TUK CHEONG, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons  
having CLAIMS or DEMANDS  
against or upon the Estate of LEE TUK  
CHEONG, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant,  
who died on the 5th May, 1887, are  
required to send to me at My Office, at No.  
61, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid,  
full particulars of such Claims or  
Demands on or before the 30th April next,  
in order that the same may be examined  
by Lee Sow Kew, the Administrator of his  
Estate; and if found correctly dis-  
charged. And all Persons INDEBTED to  
the said Deceased are requested to pay the  
amount of their respective Debts to me.

Dated this 27th February, 1888.

HO WYSON,  
Solicitor to the Administrator.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON  
WHARF AND GODOWN COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS  
DISCHARGING BOMBAY COT-  
TON and COTTON YARN at the KOW-  
LOON WHARF will have FREE STORAGE  
for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of  
3 CENTS per bale per month will be  
Charged.

ISAAC HUGHES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.  
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,  
Surgeon Dentist.

(FORMERLY APPRENTICE AND LAT-  
TERLY ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)

A T the urgent request of his European  
and American patients and friends, has  
TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied  
by Dr. ROGERS;

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address

2, DUDDELL STREET,  
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 66

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-  
Year ending 31st December, 1887, at the  
Rate of £10/- One POUND and Ten  
SHILLINGS PER SHARE of £125,  
is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY  
NEXT, the 27th Instant, at the OFFICES of  
the Corporation, where Shareholders are  
requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 21, 1888. 314

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,  
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
METEOROLOGICAL  
INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGER'S CELESTIAL  
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

ROTHOR'S LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSES.

ADMIRALTY & IMPRAY CHARTS.

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware.

Christie & Co.'s Electro-Plated Ware.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

in great variety.

DIA MONDS

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON  
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE.

HY. H. LIGHTWOOD.

Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

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1st March, 1888. 388

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Admitted a PARTNER

## For Sale.

## FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAIGNE,  
Quarts..... \$20 per Case of 1 doz.  
Pints..... \$21 " " 2 "  
Dubois Frères & de Gurnon & Co.'s BORDEAUX CHÂTEAUX AND WHITE WINES.  
Baxtor's Celebrated 'Barley' Drew WHISKY.—\$7 per Case of 1 doz.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

BALI PROGRAMMES  
FOR SALE.  
IN NEW SHAPES AND PATTERNS.  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE,  
2, WYNDHAM STREET.  
January 20, 1888.

## INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

## Marine Department.

Policies issued for current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

## Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

## Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

## NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED..... \$1,000,000.

THE above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all parts of the World payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, December 2, 1887. 2349

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN VIA SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Kwangtung*, Captain Tui STANLEY, will be despatched as above TO-

MORROW, the 3rd of March, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 2, 1888. 329

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Yungtse*, Capt. Tui STANLEY, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 4th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1888. 352

WANTED.

A FURNISHED HOUSE.—Possession immediately.

Address: 'A. B.' OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, March 2, 1888. 355

CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S DEBENTURE LOAN OF 1886.

INTEREST due and DRAWN BONDS of this LOAN will be Payable at the OFFICES of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after the 1st day of March, 1887. LISTS OF DRAWN BONDS can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Agents Issuing the Loan, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1888. 354

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *PARTHIA*, FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1888. 353

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SALE.

A O O N C E R T  
will be held at

S. T. ANDREW'S HALL,  
CITY HALL, ON

Mondays,

the 5th March, at 9 p.m.

IN AID OF THE ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of

His Excellency Sir WILLIAM DES VEAUX,

K.C.M.G.

His Excellency Major-General CAMERON,

C.B.

Commodore MAXWELL, A.D.C., and

Commodore HEUSER, Commanding the

Imperial German Squadron.

PROGRAME:

PART I.

1. Zaunp., *Old Scotch Melody*, M. W. G. GREGG.

2. The String Band of H. L. G. M. ship *Bismarck*, under the leadership of Mr. NIEDHOFER.

3. Part Songs, *Reichardt*, b. V. V. WILCOX, St. L.

4. The Glee Club of H. I. G. M. ship *Sophie*, The Royal, J. B. BIRKBECK.

5. a. Nocturne, *Chopin*, W. W. W. L. SPINELLER.

6. The Concert Arias, *Le Mozart*, Mr. CHAS. P. LAMMERT.

7. Clarinet Concert with Orchestral accompaniment, F. MANN.

Mr. BOEDERER.

PART II.

8. Overture, *Latann*, Full Band of H. I. G. M. Squadron, under leadership of Mr. NIEDHOFER.

9. The Long Aria, *Le Melody*, Miss STORANI.

10. Part Songs, a. *Schmid*, b. Schindelschmid, The Glee Club of H. I. G. M. ship *Sophie*.

11. Reverie, *Dandala*, M. V. V. WILCOX.

12. The King's Minstrel, *Mr. C. H. GRACE*.

13. Les Cloches de Genève, *Melra*, Full Band of H. I. G. M. Squadron, Bandmaster NIEDHOFER.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS

March 2, 1888:

Partia, British steamer, 2,035, Jas. ARNOLD, Vancouver February 4, Yokohama 23, and Kobe 26; General—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Marcia, British steamer, 1,060, A. MACINTOSH, Nagasaki February 27, Coal.

Yuraku, Japanese steamer, 704, J. H. H. HOHLWAN, Saigon February 26, General—A. R. MACKAY.

Fidio, German steamer, 853, H. Brock,

Tickets—\$2 each—may now be had at

Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1888. 347

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.

For THALAS, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 3rd inst.

For MANILA.

For ZAFIRO, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd inst., instead of as previously notified.

For BANGKOK.

For BURMA, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd inst.

For TIENTSIN.

For KIANGSIAO, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd March.

For SAIGON.

For DEXONPORT, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd inst.

For DUBIG, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd inst., instead of as previously notified.

For HAIPHONG.

For DEXONPORT, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd inst.

For HOIHOW & BA'NGOK.

For TAICHOON, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd inst.

For SHANGHAI.

For YANTZEE, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 4th inst.

For SINGAPORE.

For POLYPHONIA, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 10th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Saghalien* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,

the 7th March, with Mails to the

United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *via* Marseilles, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal, and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Partia* reports:

Left Yokohama 22nd February, 6.48 a.m.

Arrived Kobe 23rd February, 9.30 a.m., left

Kobe 26th February, 9.54 a.m., off

Cape Muroto had strong westerly wind

and high sea. On February 27th and 28th, moderate wind and fine clear weather. On

February 29th, off Turnabout had thick fog with calms.

From Chapel Island to port foggy weather and smooth sea. Arrived

Hongkong 2nd March, 11 a.m. Passage

from Koma, 5 days, and 13 hours.

The British steamer *Wynona* reports:

Had strong monsoon to Panay, Cebu, and

servants anchored off Ladrones

midnight, thick fog.

The British steamer *Partia* reports:

Tickets—\$2 each—may now be had at

Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 2, 1888. 347

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

MARCH 2, 1888.

Stocks.

No. of Shares.

Value.

Paid up.

POSITION PER LAST REPORT.

Balance, f. w. w.

Last Dividends.

Closing Quotations, Cash.

PANKS.

A LANCER congregation assembled at the Cathedral yesterday to hear Mr. Sangster's Organ Recital, which we think the most successful of the series. Baptista's Offerings in C. Minor and Calkin's March Religious, also the Cavatina by von Ruff were perhaps the most noticeable and appreciated. Mr. Sangster's playing was, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed. Of the Solos Miss Sangster must come in for first notice, her singing of the air 'Return, O Lord of Hosts' (Handel) was much admired, her rich contralto voice being very effective in this lovely air. Mr. Hirst sang 'It is enough' from Elijah and it is needless to say distinguished himself as a highly-trained vocalist of classical music. We thought the accompaniment in some places much too loud, but in a voice of the magnitude of Mr. Hirst's register and tone, perhaps the effect was not much marred. In the solo preceding the Chorus in the Creation, 'Now Vanish before the Holy Bands,' Mr. Meeson, who recently won his laurels as *Alexis* in 'The Sorcerer,' was not quite so much at home with the music as he usually is. He made a mistake in attempting to sing the solo, for it is one that requires a good strong voice, and as it goes no higher than E, except in one place, it is more suitable for a Baritone, or a Tenor that is strong in his low notes, and as Mr. Meeson is decidedly weak in his, the greater portion of the solo could not be heard a little below the centre of the Cathedral. The Chorus went fairly. About \$73 were collected.

There was a slight error, it appears, in the advertisement sent us last night with regard to the quarantining and poll-tax arrangements adopted by the South Australian Government. The telegram received here should read:—

*The Choya Shimbun* publishes a story to the effect that the Coran Envoy to the United States has already been guilty of an act of discourtesy towards the Chinese Minister to Washington. It seems that on his arrival in the American Capital, the Coran Envoy called on all the foreign representatives with the exception of the Chinese Minister. This naturally roused the ire of the Chinese representative, who reported the matter to his Government at once. Explanations by telegram have been demanded by the Chinese Government from the Coran Government, with what result the *Choya* does not say. If there is any truth in the statement we shall probably hear more about it.

**THE LOSS OF THE "WASP."**—The Admiralty having paid the widows or next-of-kin of the men serving in the *Wasp* the amounts due to their husbands or relatives up to Dec. 6 (when, all hope of the vessel's safety having been abandoned, her books were closed), their shipmates have also commenced the award of pensions and gratuities to the relatives of the crew, an annuity of \$2, per week for the wife, and an allowance of \$2, per week for each child, being paid in certain cases. The *United Service Gazette* prints the following letter, signed 'Nautic':—Sir:—The Admiralty have for more than a month declared the gunboat *Wasp* lost, and also paid the residue of wages due to the poor fellows who were unfortunately in her to their respective widows and relatives. Pensions under the scale allowed by a recent order have also been granted, but it is with regret seen that these have been accorded on the lowest possible scale. Many will ask, can this be true? Yes; because economy must be studied. As the cases of the *Albatross*, *Doree*, and torpedo-boat accident were made the subjects of a national subscription for the relief of those lost, their broad-winners in the path of duty, would it be asking too much of a favour to ask your kind assistance in drawing attention to the subject, and bringing the matter to the front, so that if any of the charitably disposed, and who have time at their disposal, should desire to assist in the matter, they may have an opportunity of doing so?

#### TWO MEN KILLED BY A LANDSLIP.

**INQUEST ON THE BODIES.**  
An Inquest was held at the Mortuary this afternoon on the bodies of two men, killed by a landslip yesterday morning, while engaged in the widening of Queen's Road West, near the Government Civil Hospital. Mr. Wodehouse presided and the following gentlemen were sworn as a jury:—Messrs. R. R. Jukes, G. A. F. von Wille, and J. A. Gutierrez.

Dr. Marques said:—Yesterday about 10.30 a.m. the bodies of two Chinese male adults were brought to the mortuary. One of them presented signs of death by asphyxia, and had slight abrasions all over. The other body had sustained fracture of the skull and lower jaw. The immediate cause of death in both cases was asphyxia.

Thomas Duncan, P. S.:—A report was made at No. 7 Station and I went to Queen's Road West near the Civil Hospital where I saw that a large quantity of earth had slipped down from an embankment. The disfigured body had already been dug out. I went to work along with some Chinese constables and dug out the second one in about twenty minutes after. It was covered by about three feet of earth. The men were quite dead. I did not see what had occasioned the slip. The men were engaged in clearing away an embankment for the purpose of widening the street. The embankment had evidently been undermined.

Kong—Apang, an earth-cooler, said:—I know both deceased, Kong Kai and Ip Afong. They were earth coolers. We were all at work at the same place yesterday, digging the embankment. I and another man were on each side of the two deceased when the landslip occurred. I went for the contractor who was in Third Street, and when I got back with him the deceased had been dug out by the Police. The deceased were getting six caskets per day and were employed by Chung Yung, contractor. I was working at the bottom of the embankment. There were five coolies employed altogether in digging away the earth. There was no blasting. The two big holes in the rock were made before. I had only been there three days.

Inspector Swanston:—About 1.30 p.m. yesterday I visited the place where the accident occurred. A piece of ground there had been recently purchased by Government for the widening of the street. It is a bank of disintegrated granite about eight or ten feet high. Several tons of earth had fallen in two large blocks. On the top of the fallen blocks I noticed two holes about 1 inch in diameter which looked as if they had been bored for blasting. I could not say what the object of making the two holes was.

Chung Ayung, contractor:—I have the contract for clearing away the embankment in question which is being done in order that a stone retaining wall may be built. The two deceased were in my employ, one for one day and the other for two days. The work of digging commenced four days ago. The instructions I gave were to cut away a part of the embankment. There was no blasting, there being no need for it. It was simply earth that had to be cleared away. The two holes were rat holes. There are no other holes of the same kind at the place. I could not say how the accident occurred. I had no one in charge as there were only two men. I have seen the place since, but the two holes were not pointed out to me. My workmen used pictures. I don't consider that the men were to blame for the accident.

Ins.ector Swanston said the holes in question, which were perpendicular, were not rat holes, and he attributed the accident to the earth to them, as they loosened it at the back.

At the trial at this point, on the suggestion of the Coroner, decided to inspect the scene of the accident and continue the inquest at the Magistracy to-morrow.

#### LIFE AND WORK IN MACAO.

(From a Correspondent.)

Our cement and brick works on Ilha Verde (Green Isle) are very nearly finished, and in a short time we expect to supply the Far East with both these very necessary articles. The machinery has been erected under the superintendence of Mr. Babcock, of your Colony. The fact of this gentleman superintending is a guarantee of the efficient working of the complicated machinery, and we trust that when those important works are fairly started, the shareholders will find themselves in pocket.

Probably the health-giving qualities of our Green Isle are not known in your Colony. Some time since, a Chinese gentleman called on one of your leading physicians, who, after a careful examination, gave it as his opinion that the gentleman had but a short time to live. Shortly after

this, the gentleman took up his residence on Ilha Verde expecting to die at any moment, but greatly to his surprise he got better every day, and at the present time enjoys as good health as ever he did. We would invite all your incurables to take up their residence here.

Our dredging operations are being conducted in a most vigorous manner, and we would call the attention of your authorities to our hopper barges, as you seem to be far behind us. Those used in your Colony are the same as Noah used after the flood. Our streets have been kept very clean during the late rains, and there is no doubt that our Sanitary Board is most efficient. In fact in those matters we are far ahead of your Colony, with one exception. That is the disgusting urinal at the bottom of the lower end of the Rua do Gamboa. This disgusting edifice is evidently constructed of old keremic oil cases, and is a disgrace to our thriving Colony, and we hope to see it removed at once, as all visitors naturally pass through this street. Possibly it has escaped the notice of the officials whose duty it is to look after such matters. We would respectfully call the attention of our authorities to the fact that the iron edifice lately removed from before the Clock Tower is still in your Colony, and that the Hon. J. M. Price might like to dispose of it. Should our Colony be happy enough to obtain possession and erect it on the site now in use, it will be another proof of our civilization.

Our Steamboat Corporation is going ahead, but you will know this quite time enough, as our capitalists will probably withdraw from your stock market and no doubt a depreciation of your stocks will follow. Representations will be made at home, and our Government will no doubt give us a large subsidy, much larger than that given at present.

On the first Sunday in Lent the usual procession of the Cross took place with all due solemnity, but we were sorry to see that some visitors from your Colony showed a want of respect to our religion. And yet this was the religion of the Monarchs of England in feudal times as well as that of the later Byzantine and Roman Emperors.

The charter of the cultivation of literature at Rome, Padua, Paris and Oxford. Who discovered America and opened the Books and the art of printing? Was it not the Catholics? Who were the older poets and historians? Were they not all professors of our religion? We would strongly recommend those who show a want of respect to our religion to go and study the subjects of the admirable library of your City Hall. Those who most

respect our ceremonial are probably the Scotch, who have never seen anything of the kind in their own barren country.

#### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Office of the General Agents, at noon, on Saturday, the 10th March, 1888:—

The General Agents beg to submit to the Shareholders their Report on the Working of the Refineries, and a Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 31st December, 1887.

During the period under review the Company's Establishments at East Point and Bowrington have been well pointed, and the General Agents are pleased to report that the Working Account for the year showed a satisfactory result.

Inclusive of \$12,781.53 brought forward from last year, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$121,160.43, after deducting the amount of an Interim Dividend of \$6 per share paid on 31st August last. The General Agents and Consulting Committee recommend that the Net Profit should be appropriated as follows:—

Interim Dividend of \$6 per share  
31st August ..... \$ 90,000.00

Dividend of \$6 per share making

\$12 for the year ..... 90,000.00

To apply towards reduction of

Property Account ..... 20,000.00

Carry forward to next Account, 11,160.43

\$211,160.43

Outstanding shipments are light and the estimated proceeds will, it is expected, fully cover the amount of this asset.

Generally speaking the consuming market has, during the year, been fairly active, and the products of the Company have met with ready acceptance.

At East Point's work has been carried on throughout the year, and the demand having kept up it was considered advisable to undertake the usual overhaul before the 18th of February.

Refining was stopped at Bowrington for a short time in the Summer and advantages were taken of the occasion to introduce some further improvements.

The conditions of the Sugar trade presented work from being resumed at Bowrington with very prospect of advantage.

Property account. This has been increased by the cost of a New Godown at East Point and some New Machinery at East Point and Bowrington.

The remainder of the Property at Wan-chai has not yet been sold, but its favourable position is held for shortly.

Capital.—The amount of \$60,000 referred to in the last Report was easily taken up, and the total amount now paid up is \$1,500,000.

Consulting Committee.—During the year Messrs. F. D. Sisson, A. McIver and M. Grote have resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, and Messrs. B. Layton and St. O. Macleod have been invited to join this Board, the re-election of these gentlemen and of Messrs. W. K. Hughes and J. B. Elias is recommended.

Advertisers.—In the absence of Messrs. Thomas Arnold and H. M. Davis the Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Fullerton Henderson and A. W. Maitland, Messrs. Arnold and Maitland are recommended for reelection.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., General Agents, Hongkong, 1st March, 1888.

BALANCE SHEET—ONE YEAR.—TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1887.

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Assets.

Property Account, consisting of:—

East Point Refinery, 7,244.49

Swatow Refinery, 1,304,570.37

Wan-chai Property, 5,975.03

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, 550,010.00

Raw Sugar, 163,633.14

Spirits and Rum, 4,919.61

Coals, 170,495.57

Refined Sugar, 44,571.95

Insurance, 2,911.13

Stocks, 1,000.00

Trade Debtors, 121,150.43

Shipment, 2,405,393.07

Liabilities.		\$1,500,000.00
Paid-up Capital,	874,232.64	
Balance of Profit		
Less, Interim Div.	8211.60.43	
Dividend paid on 31st August, 1887, at 6 per cent.	90,000.00	
		121,150.43
		\$2,405,393.07

PROPERTY ACCOUNT.		\$1,320,176.07
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valuable contribution by Dr. Fritsche,  
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and Snow) of Peking," showing the results  
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